

IN THE DRAWINGS

Except as addressed below, the objections to the drawings cited in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review are formal in nature and will be attended to in due course, preferably after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

For the record, applicant has read the "Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) 6/18/01" and understands the document to refer specifically to the new procedures regarding 18-month publication of applications. Since the original filing date of this application was 31 December 1999, applicant submits that the reference to 37 CFR 1.85(a) in the above document to an "attached Office communication" does not apply to the subject Office Action.